(b) The imported material (Technical grade) is sold to various parties who possess valid Registration Certificates under the Insecticides Act and Manufacturing Licences. The norms are the same for both the big business houses and small scale sector. Formulators are required to establish Letters of Credit in favour of HIL for allotted quantities and HIL sells the material on High Sea Sales basis.

Delay in completion of power projects

2346. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of a recent report according to which over 100 projects in the Energy and Transport Sectors have been delayed, causing a minimum of 60 per cent escalation in the completion cost of these projects;

(b) what are the short-term and long-term remedial measures taken to correct this ongoing situation where the approved cost of these projects escalated from Rs. 12,800 crores to Rs. 21,000 crores; and

(c) what are the specific power projects originally scheduled for completion in the Seventh Plan period, the duration of their commissioning, slippages and the resultant cost-escalation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Gas turbines for power generation

2347. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to manufacture gas turbines for power generation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have sufficient supply of gas for power generation in India;

(d) if reply to Part (c) above be in the affirmative, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what will be the mode of distribution and consumption of such power generated from gas turbines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. BHEL has entered into an agreement with M/s General Electric Co. of USA for the manufacture of gas turbines of certain capacities upto 37.4 MW. The agreement is valid for 10 years.

(c) and (d) Availability of gas for gas-based power plants is committed on the basis of overall availability of gas in that particular region, other possible alternative users of gas in that area and techno-economic feasibilities of supply of gas.

(e) The distribution of power generated from gas turbines as also from other types of plants is being done by the State Electricity Boards/Electricity Departments.

Encouraging indigenous production of drugs

2348. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has liberalised price control on drugs with the objective of boosting indigenous production;

(b) if so, what was the number of drugs under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 and what is their number under DPCO 1987;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has removed provision 6 of DPCO, 1979 from the existing price control order;

(d) if so, in what manner the deletion of this provision will boost indigenous production; and